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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No. 57165-5019

Anticipated Classification of this Application:

Class _____ Subclass _____

Prior Application:

Examiner Q. Van

Art Unit 3742

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a:

    [✓] continuation application

    [ ] divisional application

pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.53(b) , of pending prior application

Serial No. 09/208,256 filed on December 9, 1998 ,

of Ammy Chou
    (Inventor currently of record in prior application)

for: HAND HELD ELECTRIC HEAT SEALER WITH SEALING MECHANISM IN PRESS BAR

    (title of invention)

1. [✓] Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, as originally filed and a revised declaration, filed June 22, 2000.

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/208,256 as originally filed on December 9, 1998, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing therefrom.

2. [✓] The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
			RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				$ 355			$ 710
TOTAL CLAIMS	12 - 20	-0-	x 9 =	$ 0	OR	x 18 =	$
INDEP CLAIMS	3 - 3	-0-	x 40 =	$ 0	OR	x 80 =	$
MULTIPLE INDEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ $135			+$270	
TOTAL				$ 355			$

3.   [✓]   The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 10-0440. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

4.   [✓]   A check in the amount of $ 355 is enclosed.

5.   [✓]   Cancel in this application original claims 2-39 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

6.   [✓]   Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
-- This is a [✓] continuation
             [ ] divisional
of application Serial No. 09/208,256, filed on December 9, 1998 which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial Nos. 09/132,687, filed August 12, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,064,038 and 09/189,359, filed November 9, 1998 both of which are continuations-in-part of application Serial No. 08/917,358 filed on August 26, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,854,466, all of which are incorporated by reference in their entireties herein.--

       [ ]   Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application. (May only be used if signed by person authorized by § 1.138 and before payment of base issue fee.)

7a. [ ]   New formal drawings are enclosed.

7b. [ ]   Priority of application Serial No. _____, filed on _____ _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 USC § 119.
     (country)

7c. [ ]   The certified copy of this priority application has been filed in prior application Serial No. _____, filed on _____ ____.

8.   [✓]   The prior application is assigned of record to:
Welcome Co., Ltd. .

9.   [✓]   The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

ROD S. BERMAN, Reg. No. 31,483, BERNARD R. GANS, Reg. No. 27,443, BRENNAN C. SWAIN, Reg. No. 43,175 and DAVID J. MEYER, Reg. No. 33,425 all of the firm of Jeffer, Mangels, Butler and Marmaro LLP, 2121 Avenue of the Stars, 10th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90067

    a.   [ ]   The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

    b.   [ ]   Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

    c.   [✓]   Address all future communications to:

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10a. [✓]   A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
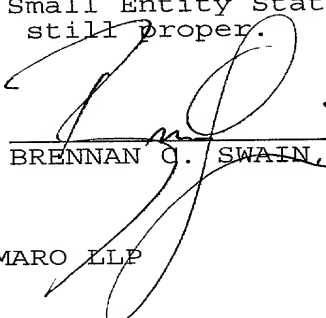
10b. [ ] A separate check for $_____ is enclosed to cover additional
          claims added by the preliminary amendment.

11. [ ] Enclosed find the following declaration(s) in support of Small
          Entity status for this application:

          [ ] Inventor(s).
          [ ] Individual other than inventor.
          [ ] Nonprofit organization.
          [ ] Small business concern.

12. [✓] The statement(s) of Small Entity Status filed in the prior
          application is (are) still proper.

 __December 18, 2000__   _____
 (Date)   BRENNAN Q. SWAIN, Reg. No. 43,175

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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        I hereby certify that a Continuation Application under 37 CFR 153 (b) (duplicate); Copy of application Serial No. 09/208,256 as previously filed; Declaration; Preliminary Amendment; Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Form 1449 and thirty-nine (39) cited references; Check No. 137260 for $355 and return postcard are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, Express Mail No. EL584669348US on the date indicated below and addressed to: Box Patent Application, The Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

December 18, 2000
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(Date of Deposit)

Pia Stratford Murphy
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(Name of Person Mailing Paper or Fee)

(Signature)